

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment, as modified, is as follows:

On page 81, line 24, increase the first amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 82, line 4, after "tion" insert "": *Provided further*, That of the total amount provided, an additional \$50,000,000 shall be available to carry out section 33 (15 U.S.C. 2229)".

On page 77, line 18, strike "\$2,694,300,000" and insert "\$2,714,300,000".

On page 77, line 20, increase the amount by \$20,000,000.

On page 77, line 24, after "grants" insert "and of which at least \$20,000,000 shall be available for interoperable communications grants".

On page 85, line 18, after "expended" insert "": *Provided*, That the aforementioned sum shall be reduced by \$70,000,000".

On page 82, line 21, strike "\$5,000,000" and insert "\$3,000,000".

(The remarks of Ms. LANDRIEU are printed in today's RECORD under "Morning Business.")

HONORING FOX MCKEITHEN

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I rise today in sadness to pay tribute to a man who served the State of Louisiana well for over 22 years, our late Secretary of State Fox McKeithen, who passed away over the weekend at his home, lovingly surrounded by friends, family, and admirers.

Walter Fox McKeithen was born on September 8, 1946. He was a young man when he died this weekend. He was the second of six children in a small northern town of Louisiana called Columbia. He was the son of a very well-respected governor whom we fondly called "Big John" McKeithen. He served in the 1960s and is accredited with leading our State of Louisiana at a very tough and tumultuous time in a very progressive and positive direction. Fox McKeithen, the oldest child, took after his father's political skills from an early age. He demonstrated those leadership skills as senior class president at Caldwell Parish High School, and after graduating from Louisiana Tech, he worked as a high school civics teacher and coach.

With his desire to serve the people of Louisiana in a greater role, he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1983. I had the distinct pleasure of working with Fox as a State representative. He went on then to run statewide and was elected Secretary of State. I went on at that same time as State treasurer, and we continued our strong partnership and relationship.

As Secretary of State, however, Fox took his very colorful personality and spirited dedication to make great improvements to an office that was in need of improvement. He modernized the way the State archived its records. He made it easier for businesses to register and get assistance from the Secretary of State's office. Most importantly, he was a friend to local clerks who work diligently in our State to process elections, make sure they are run fairly and openly. He had a very

strong view, as Secretary of State and our chief election commission officer, that registered voters should have a chance to vote. Not a radical notion, but in this day and age not something that always happens. So he worked overtime to make sure the machines were there on time and people were well trained. If the clerks had problems, he himself would step in and give personal attention. So we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his dedication and commitment. In fact, once there was a problem—voting machines were arriving late. He jumped in his own pickup truck and went down to one of our parishes to bring them voting machines.

Perhaps his greatest legacy was the renovation of our old State capitol, a building that sat on the banks of the Mississippi River in decay and abandonment for many years. But with his vision and his leadership, he restored that building to its former grandeur, and now it is a place that is used by many different organizations and appreciated and admired by all the people of our State. When he started this project, people said it could not be done, there was not enough money to do it. But because of his tenaciousness and his hard work and leadership ability, he led a group of leaders both in the public sector and in the private sector to restore our own State capitol and enhanced one of the great communities on the banks of the Mississippi River, right there in our capital city, reminding us of our rich and colorful past.

It was truly an honor for me and many people in Louisiana to serve in public office with Fox McKeithen. He loved Louisiana and he loved serving all of her people. He shared his father's famous campaign slogan, "Won't you h'ep me?" as if it were a question that the people of Louisiana were asking of him. It didn't matter if you were a Democrat or a Republican, rich or poor, from north or south of I-10 or north or south of I-20, he was always there to help you if he could.

A dedicated public servant who gave everything he had to serving our State, Fox McKeithen will be dearly missed. The people of our State owe a great debt of gratitude to Fox and the entire McKeithen family for a legacy of leadership, compassion, and vision for our State. His eldest daughter Marjorie follows in her father's and grandfather's footsteps through her practice of law and effective advocacy for many important programs and initiatives in our State. She is truly carrying on the great McKeithen legacy of service.

So I come to the floor today saddened by the fact but gladdened by the life this man led and certain of his legacy that he left with the people of our State and the many contributions he made over a long and dedicated career.

On behalf of the people of Louisiana, I say our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this time.

CHANGE OF VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama is recognized.

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, on roll-call vote 187, I voted "yea." It was my intention to vote "nay." Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to change my vote since it will not affect the outcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

STAFF SERGEANT TRICIA L. JAMESON

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise to express my sympathy over the loss of Tricia L. Jameson of Omaha, NE, a staff sergeant medic in the Nebraska Army National Guard. Staff Sergeant Jameson was killed by an explosion after stopping to treat wounded Marines on July 14 near Trebil in western Iraq. She was 34 years old.

Staff Sergeant Jameson grew up in St. Paul, NE, before moving to Omaha as a teenager. She graduated from Millard South High School in 1989 and attended Central Community College at Columbus, NE, from 1990-91. She spent the last 10 years in the military, working the last 5 years as a health care specialist at the Nebraska Air National Guard base clinic in Lincoln, NE. Staff Sergeant Jameson was a member of the 313th Medical Company of Lincoln and was mobilized to duty in Iraq less than a month ago. Staff Sergeant Jameson volunteered for the assignment. She was not a regular member of the group but a replacement for another soldier. Staff Sergeant Jameson will be remembered as a loyal soldier who had a strong sense of duty, honor, and love of country. Thousands of brave Americans like Staff Sergeant Jameson are currently serving in Iraq.

Staff Sergeant Jameson was preceded in death by her father, Robert Jameson. She is survived by her mother Patricia Marsh of Omaha; brother, Rob Jameson of Omaha; grandmothers Kathryn Jameson of Weeping Water, NE, and Annamae Donahue of Omaha; and fiancé Mike Coldewey of Omaha. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time. America is proud of Staff Sergeant Jameson's heroic service and mourns her loss.

I ask my colleagues to join me and all Americans in honoring SSG Tricia L. Jameson.

DEPUTY JERRY ORTIZ: IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to honor the memory of Deputy Jerry Ortiz, a 15-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on June 24, 2005.

As a young child growing up in Southern California, Jerry Ortiz knew that he wanted to dedicate his life to protecting his fellow citizens. So it came as no surprise when he enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after his graduation from El Monte High School in

1988. Only 2 years later, he fulfilled his dream of becoming a police officer when he joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Ortiz's strict work ethic and dedication quickly made him a well-respected member of the Department and earned him a position with the elite antigang unit at the Lakewood Station. Although this was a formidable task with great responsibilities, he knew that in this capacity he could truly make a difference in the community and help at-risk youth. Deputy Ortiz did just that.

Jerry Ortiz was an important part of the Sheriff's Department family. He was well known for his sense of humor, positive attitude, and athleticism on the Department boxing team. Over his 15-year career, he became an integral part of the fight against gang crime in the area and went above and beyond to protect the innocent citizens caught in the unfortunate gang violence in their communities. Days before his tragic murder, Deputy Ortiz received word that he was being promoted to detective.

All who knew him said that he loved his job but that he was first and foremost a family man. Ortiz spent most of his free time with his two sons, Jeremy, 16, and Jacob, 6. He was a sports fan and enjoyed sharing this passion with his sons. Only three weeks before his death, Jerry Ortiz married his wife, Chela, and those close to him say he was happier than ever.

I am truly saddened to lose this remarkable public servant. Deputy Jerry Ortiz died doing what he loved—providing protection for his community. He was a leader, an inspiring mentor, a hero, and a wonderful father and husband. We will always be grateful for Deputy Ortiz's heroic service to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the community that he so bravely served.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

Last year, a man was arrested after he and another suspect yelled derogatory insults and hate speech toward a group of five lesbian women and one transgender man. While one of the men later fled the scene, the other continued harassing the group and subsequently physically attacked them. Some of the victims sustained injuries including a broken nose, black eyes, and injuries around the head and face.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend

them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I regret that I was unable to be present and cast votes the week of June 27. My mother, Marcia Lieberman, passed away on June 27 and her funeral was June 28, and I observed a period of mourning in Connecticut for the remainder of that week. While, as I stated to Senator REID, I would have returned to the Capitol and voted had my vote been determinative of the outcome, that did not become an issue regarding votes that week. Before I address the various pieces of legislation that the Senate considered during my absence, I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues and their staffs for their acts of kindness and words of sympathy during this difficult time for me and my family.

I have set forth below for the RECORD, for the information of my constituents, my positions on the legislation and key amendments considered the week of June 27.

Had I been present for vote on H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, I would have voted yes.

The bill is far from perfect; indeed, it does next to nothing to address the challenge of climate change and leaves us much work still to do in creating the kind of robust and diverse fuel mix for our cars and trucks needed to provide America with true energy security.

What the bill does do, however, to stimulate the development and use of technologies that can help us address these challenges—or at least to get a start—justifies supporting it.

I was disappointed that when Senator MCCAIN and I offered the Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act as an amendment to bill, the Senate turned down the opportunity to adopt a truly comprehensive program to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions using a market system. My disappointment was tempered, however, when the Senate adopted a bipartisan resolution, which Senator MCCAIN and I cosponsored with Senators DOMENICI and BINGAMAN and several others calling for a mandatory market-based emissions reduction program for greenhouse gases. I am hopeful that over time the Senate will come to see that the legislation that Senator MCCAIN and I have been pushing for provides just the right vehicle for producing the legislation called for in the resolution.

At the same time, I believe that the bill will help nudge our energy system towards a cleaner, more efficient future. In addition to including a renewable portfolio standard for electric utilities, the bill includes a range of in-

centives and other support for businesses and consumers to develop and use clean technologies and clean fuels in their businesses and homes and on our highways.

Finally, I appreciate the fact that the bill—for the most part—does not include provisions that would weaken environmental protections for our air, water and land that, in the past, some have mistakenly believed to be necessary to advance energy policy.

On Thursday, June 29, the Senate voted on H.R. 2361, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Below are comments on the amendments that were offered and the vote on final passage of the bill.

I would have voted "nay" on the motion to waive the Budget Act with regard to Senator COBURN's amendment No. 1019. Combating diabetes and alcohol and substance abuse in Indian country must continue to be a priority for Congress, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Health and Human Services. It is also important that we continue to support Federal land acquisition programs that preserve the environment in its natural state. I believe that the Appropriations Committee has looked at these programs and made difficult but sound decisions about the funding levels for both of them, and therefore oppose the motion. I also note that I would have voted for Senator DORGAN's subsequent amendment No. 1025.

I would have voted for Senator COBURN's amendment No. 1003 because this amendment and similar sunshine laws would make it easier for Americans to understand how and what the Federal Government does on their behalf. By requiring that all limitations, earmarks, and directives be explicitly stated in the conference report, this amendment would have forced Congress to do a better job explaining to the American people where their tax dollars are being spent.

While I preferred Senator BOXER's amendment No. 1023, I would have voted for Senator BURNS's amendment No. 1068 because it at least ensures that the Environmental Protection Agency will undertake the specific tasks of reviewing this very serious public health issue and reporting its findings to Congress. The amendment also confirms the EPA's rulemaking process, which I believe should be a necessary prerequisite before any human pesticide testing should be allowed to continue. I look forward to reviewing the EPA's final recommendations, and after doing so, will be able to make a decision as to whether any human pesticide testing should be allowed.

In the meantime, I strongly support the moratorium imposed by Senator BOXER's amendment on all pesticide testing involving humans and the use of such studies until the EPA conducts and completes what I expect to be a thorough investigative and rulemaking process that ensures the safety of all